Review of Drug Policy, 1978 and 1986

472. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the important provisions of Drug Policy, 1978 and 1986 have not been implemented;

(b) if so, the details of such provisions and reasons for non-implementation;

(c) whether Government have made any study of this aspect before review of present policy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) A Background Note on the Review of Drug Policy, 1986 has since been placed on the Table of House on 12-8-92 for discussion.

Tariff Mechanism of Drug Policy, 1986

473. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tariff mechanism provided under Drug Policy, 1986 has proved to be total failure; and

(b) what are the names of bulk drugs where production has been shifted to basic stage or prices have been reduced after applications of tariff mechanism?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Tariff mechanism has evolved in accordance with general policy guidelines as enunciated in Finance bills from time to time and not through the Drug Policy, 1986, which has simply recognised the complimentary role of fiscal policies in achieving the desired objectives.

(b) In case of scheduled bulk drugs listed in Category-I and II of DPCO, 1987, whose Cost-cum-Technical Studies have been conducted by BICP, the prices are revised from time to time after taking into account the stage of manufacture and current tariff rates applicable to that stage of manufacture. After the announcement of custom duty reduction announced in the budget for the year 1993-94, recently the Govt. has reduced the prices of 35 scheduled bulk drugs w.e.f. 17-6-93.

Haldia Petrochemicals Ltd.

474. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tata Tea and Tata Chemicals have pulled out of the Haldia Petrochemicals Ltd.;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) what would be the fate of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. According to the West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation (WBIDC), these companies were of the opinion that due to economic changes underway in the country, their participation was no longer in the interest of their shareholders.

WBIDC has further informed that Tatas would consider some internal changes in their Group's participation. The State Government and the Tata Group have reaffirmed their commitment to the implementation of the Haldia Project.

Educational Institutions run by Petrochemical Units

475. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the petrochemical units are running educational Institutes for the benefit of the employees, if so, the number and locations of such Institutions;

(b) whether these institutes also admit outside students from surrounding areas, if not, the reasons thereof; and

(c) whether such educational institutions are discriminating among the students while charging the fees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) The petrochemical industry is spread over organised as well as small scale and tiny sectors. The number of such units is quite large. The information regarding educational institutes run by these units is not maintained in the Ministry. However, in so far as public sector